



Town of Garrett Park  
PO Box 84  
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Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council  
Garrett Park Town Hall  
10814 Kenilworth Avenue  
Garrett Park, MD 20896

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## Town Council Meeting: March 9, 2020

### MINUTES

**Call to Order (7:37 PM)** – Mayor Kacky called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM after livestream issues were resolved. Present were Councilmembers Gerilee Bennett, Stephen Paczkowski, Phil Schulp, and Hans Wegner. Also present were Town Manager Andrea Fox, Town Assistant Elizabeth Henley, Bugle Reporter Ed Lincoln, videographer Grant Peacock, and approximately six Town residents.

**Mayor's Opening Remarks (7:37 PM)** – Council meetings are now livestreamed; residents can submit questions during the livestream. Residents were encouraged to sign up to receive official Town email notices through the website and GPML so that residents are aware of Town business, i.e. changing the day of recycling pick up, or COVID-19 related announcements.

**Approval of Agenda (7:39 PM)** – The agenda was unanimously approved

**Approval of Minutes (7:39 PM)** – The February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Action (7:42 PM)** The Town Council Meeting previously scheduled for April 13, 2020 was moved to April 20, 2020. April 13<sup>th</sup> is the day after Easter and MCPS is closed. All Council members are available to meet April 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business (7:43 PM)**

- **Arboretum Committee Appointment** – Michael Spekter's term ended and there is a vacancy on the Arboretum Committee. Mayor Kacky recommended the appointment of Charlie Kaylor, and Council unanimously approved. There was discussion about if future committee vacancies would be advertised. It was clarified that Committee Chairs are responsible for tracking committee member terms.
- **Montgomery County Code Chapter 33B, Pesticides** – Guest speaker Mary Travaglini (Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection) spoke about Montgomery County's pesticide ban. For the ban to apply in Garrett Park, Council would adopt an ordinance to opt the Town into the ban. If the ban were effective this fall, residents could continue with current summer landscaping plans. The County would provide education and enforcement, and enforcement is typically complaint driven. The Arboretum Committee will provide recommendations. The County website has additional information on exemptions.

### **Town Updates (8:13 PM)**

- **SRTS Project** – Sidewalks and aprons on Oxford Street are planned to be done in 2-4 weeks. The first curbs were poured incorrectly as vertical curbs and not according to the specifications, so they had to be corrected. Concrete testing equipment was not referenced in the contract and costs about \$1,000. SHA agreed to reimburse the concrete company to buy the equipment. The Town will reimburse the equivalent of the linear feet that the equipment costs (38 feet). The Town now owns the equipment.
- **Mayor's Stormwater Management Task Force** – Rokeby Avenue resident and Task Force Chair Chuck Berry summarized the status of the Clermont and Rokeby stormwater projects. On Clermont, consensus among task force members is to install a new pipe away from the house at 10930 Clermont, and a new structure by the sidewalk. An easement will be needed, and the estimated construction costs are \$42K-\$47K. On Rokeby, consensus among task force members is to install riprap and spot erosion controls where needed. If more is needed later, it can be added. The Town will meet with the County about the area downstream of the bike path. Residents who live adjacent to the area want to do something soon and discuss details such as use of green matting, type of stone, etc. For next steps, concept drawings from the (contract) Town Engineer will be reviewed with task force members and residents. Once there is a sense of what may be put out to bid, Council will have an opportunity to review the relevant drawings and documents and ask questions (i.e. to Mayor Kacky, Town Manager Fox, the task force, (contract) Town Engineer, etc.).
- **Composting** – Councilmember Bennett is working with GPCAN and the Citizen's Association and will distribute a draft survey to Council regarding composting service for residents. The Town Office will distribute the final survey.

**Town Manager's Report (9:44 PM)** – The February Financial Report and Town Manager's Report were summarized.

**Mayor Kacky adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.**



Signed,

*Andrea Fox*

Andrea Fox, Clerk/Treasurer